TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Docket No. (Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c)) 20518/46 (1832K) In Re Application Of: Tesluk et al. Application No. Filing Date Examiner Customer No. **Group Art Unit** Confirmation No. 3762 8172 10/784,639 February 23, 2004 Not yet assigned 21710 NDUIT CONNECTOR APPARATUS Address to: **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 37 CFR 1.97(b) The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114. 37 CFR 1.97(c) 2. The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

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